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SUBJECT: LANGUAGE DESIGNATED RSO POSITIONS

REF STATE 210149, SANA 3010

1. NO COMMENT ON PROPOSALS REFTEL. FEEL, HOWEVER, OFFICE OF SECURITY SHOULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF DESIGNATING RSO POSITION, JIDDA, AS AN ARABIC LANGUAGE SLOT AT 2/2 LEVEL.

2. KNOWLEDGE OF ARABIC WOULD PROVE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO JIDDA INCUMBENT. THE KINGDOM IS LARGELY MONO-LINGUAL. INTERPRETERS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. RSO'S REGION COVERS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA ROUGHLY HALF THE SIZE OF THE UNITED STATES AND ENCOMPASSES A LARGE AND INCREASING INVESTIGATIVE CASELOAD. CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN RSO AND LOCAL COUNTERPARTS IN NUMEROUS PROTECTIVE ASSIGNMENTS IS A MUST. KNOWLEDGE OF ARABIC WOULD BE AS VALUABLE TOOL IN INVESTIGATIONS, LIAISON, AND, MOST IMPORTANT, IN FAST-BREAKING PROTECTIVE SITUATIONS.

3. POST WOULD APPRECIATE SY COMMENT. PLEASE ADVISE.
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